

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996
From: MEC <danmec@inet.uni-c.dk>
Subject: Re: "Enigma" by Robert Harris FS
Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.9601140013.A13886-0100000@inet.uni-c.dk>

> I'm looking for a copy of "The Bruneval Raid", writer unknown. It is actually a
> two-part
> book. One part goes into Elctronic Warfare (British vs. Germans) and describes
> the radar and navigation aids that were conceived and used during WW2. The
> second part deals with a
> daring commando raid on a small town near Dieppe, France where part of a 400 Mhz
> radar
> was "stolen" from the Germans so that countermeasures could be instituted. This
> after
This radar (Wurzburg) was used for radio astronomy at University of
Cambridge after the war. The Aerial can be seen ath the Duxford airfield,
which now is a part of the Imperial War Museum. I have a couple of the
transmitting tubes from that radar !! TS-5

73 Rag OZ8RO

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996
From: whittyd@nbnet.nb.ca (Don Whitty)
Subject: audio transformer Ranger

Message-ID: <9601132353.AA25484@darwin.nbnet.nb.ca>

My Viking Ranger (I) works wnderfully on cw, however, it has come to
attention today, (while hooking up a mic), that the audio transformer (T3)
has an open primary. Can anybody tell me the value of the transformer
and/or where I may find a replacement?

Thanks,

Don Whitty
VE9XX

Don Whitty

New Brunswick Community College
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"Fish the Mighty Miramichi!"

whittyd@nbnet.nb.ca  
(506)778-6632 (vox)  
(506)778-6690 (fax)

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996  
From: USSAILIS@forum.phast.umass.edu  
Subject: BA List cost & donations  
Message-ID: <01HZZAIY582A94DV0Z@oitvms.oit.umass.edu>

I agree that the list owners shouldn't foot the bill for this fine adventure.  
I also agree that commercialization of the net should be put off for as long  
as possible, so..  
I propose that the list owners "suggest" some donation levels (like public  
radio) and ask for \$.  
Jim, W1EQ0

PS Send an address & I'll have a check in the mail.  
PPS Perhaps donors could be "recognized."

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996  
From: jproc@worldlinx.com  
Subject: RE: Blimy, Gov! It's an RA-17L! (A Saga)  
Message-ID: <Chameleon.4.01.2.960114021503.jproc@jproc>

Dick,

Thanks for sharing the story. It also proves that somewhere in this world,  
everyone's favourite BA is lurking about. The secret is to find it :-)

Regards,

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Jerry Proc VE3FAB
E-mail: jproc@worldlinx.com
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996  
From: "Dick Dillman" <ddillman@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: RE: Blimy, Gov! It's an RA-17L! (A Saga)  
Message-ID: <48668.ddillman@igc.apc.org>

On Sun, 14 Jan 96 02:12:54 PST,  
jproc@worldlinx.com <jproc@worldlinx.com> wrote:

>Thanks for sharing the story. It also proves that somewhere in this world,  
>everyone's favourite BA is lurking about. The secret is to find it :-)

I'm glad you liked it, Jerry. Yep, it seems if the wait is a long the  
final acquisition is even more fun.

Dick Dillman  
WPE2VT N6VS ex-WA2BJK  
<ddillman@igc.apc.org>  
Collector of Heavy Metal:  
Harleys, Willys and Radios Over 100lbs.

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996  
From: "Allan Fritsche" <fritsche@msn.com>  
Subject: Count me in  
Message-ID: <UPMAIL03.199601141435120232@msn.com>

I just got a good deal for a 2 year subscription to PC magazine for 40.00  
bucks (my other hobby). Thats 16 bucks more then 2 years for this list.

I think boatanchors is much more the better deal.

Where do I send the check?

Al Fritsche  
fritsche@msn.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996  
From: paul Veltman <veltman@netcom.com>  
Subject: Dues etc.  
Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.9601140749.A11708-0100000@netcom7>

Well, I have certainly been outvoted, but my opinion of the whole thing  
still remains the same. I do appreciate the money and work that Jack and  
Phil have put into the list, and it is well worth the cost, but my  
opinions are rooted in my philosophy of what the net should be and how it  
should operate.

73

Paul WA6OKQ

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996  
From: "Christopher A. Bowne" <radiobwn@q.continuum.net>  
Subject: Re: Enigma by Robert Harris - Hidden Message  
Message-ID: <199601132329.SAA07296@q.continuum.net>

There is a cryptogram that appears in the  
forward of the book. Has anyone cracked it yet? Any theories on how?

My theory is that it is an ENIGMA coded message, and that key settings  
that are mentioned in the book can be used with a software simulation of the  
ENIGMA machine, or with an actual ENIGMA. Does anyone have a software  
ENIGMA simulation? It would be useful here for that annual agony - the jr. ops  
math fair project!

BTW, the book movie rights have been sold. I hope the producers get the  
BAs right for the intercept station scenes. They have no excuse, the author  
tells us exactly what sets were used - SX28s, HROs, and AR88s!

73,

Chris Bowne, AJ1G  
Stonington, CT  
radiobwn@q.continuum.net

AMI No. 211

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996  
From: MEC <danmec@inet.uni-c.dk>  
Subject: Re: Enigma by Robert Harris - Hidden Message  
Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.9601141432.A26713-0100000@inet.uni-c.dk>

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ENIGMA machine, or with an actual ENIGMA. Does anyone have a software  
> ENIGMA simulation? It would be useful here for that annual agony - the jr. ops  
> math fair project!

I HAVE 2 ENIGMA'S SO DONT NEED TO SIMULATE. HI  
DO YOU HAVE THE MSG AND THE SETTINGS ?

73 RAG OZ8RO

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996  
From: merrigan@ee.ualberta.ca  
Subject: Fessenden, Armstrong, and other giants  
Message-ID: <199601132341.RAA29447@uro.theporch.com>

Hello all:

If anyone with WWW access wants a really-well-done tour of the early days of radio (including technical explanations) point your browser to:  
[http://www.pacificrim.net/~radio/old\\_html/hist/history.html](http://www.pacificrim.net/~radio/old_html/hist/history.html) . This site should be required reading for all BA enthusiasts.

Among the work of Armstrong, Marconi, and DeForest, the contributions of Reginald Fessenden are often overlooked. For example it was he who transmitted the first speech and music. I was not aware of who he was until a couple of years ago when I heard one of our local "old-timers" talking about this radio pioneer named Fessenden, and how much he contributed to the early development of radio.

The marvelous WWW site I mentioned above has a short biography and a good picture of Fessenden, among other radio pioneers.

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merrigan@ee.ualberta.ca  
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996  
From: SCOTTPAUL@aol.com  
Subject: Free/not free/newsgroup  
Message-ID: <960113203925\_40941690@emout06.mail.aol.com>

I have been a boatanchors subscriber for a few months now. I also follow the rec.antiques.radio+phono newsgroup.

I prefer the newsgroup format, as it doesn't clutter my mailbox with messages not of a personal nature. I'm presently on AOL so I could re-subscribe with a different screen name, but I am looking for a lower cost 'net access, which almost certainly won't allow more than one name.

If boats stays in its present format, it seems only fair to me to cover the expenses of the folks who contribute their time to keep it running. Those of you not familiar with computers may not appreciate that considerable effort is required to keep complex computer systems going, and I personally wish to thank those who are contributing this effort.

Free is friendlier for sure, but it's not fair in this case, and 12 bucks a year won't break anyone's bank. If we go this route, some introductory (a month or so free?) should be made to encourage newcomers to join.

And there's my 1/4 byte worth.

/scott robinson

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996  
From: williams@csn.net (Bill Standerfer)  
Subject: FS: B&W station...  
Message-ID: <199601140139.AA21431@ns-1.csn.net>

Sandy, W5TVW wrote:

>A friend has a complete B&W station for sale:  
>B&W 5100B, 51SB Sideband adapter, LPA-1 amplifier, Matchmaster, Antenna  
>switching panel,  
>etc. A complete B&W setup.  
>[...]

I gave him a call and he wants \$1K for the lot. It sounds like an neat station with all the B&W accessories. BTW, the LPA-1 runs a KW and has a pair of 813s. He said it is all in excellent shape, so it should be a good find for a B&W fan. A Drake L-7 followed me home today from the local swapfest, so I'll not be following up on the B&W.

Bill Standerfer - williams@csn.net  
KF0DJ - Baron N222AB - CFI/II/MEI

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996  
From: w7ni@teleport.com (Stan Griffiths)  
Subject: Re: Help with HP606A Meters ???  
Message-ID: <199601141124.DAA05934@desiree.teleport.com>

> BUT both front panel  
>meters were apparently damage in shipment. They move and stick and jump

>about when the meter is tapped. I suspect the pivots are damaged, or at  
>least out of the bearings. Has anyone tackled meter repair and have any  
>advice about how to approach what seems to me to be a delicate task?

>73, Ed

Hi Ed,

I had some sticky meter problems too with a bunch of metered variacs I got in an auction from Tek. I finally removed one of the meters, took the case off of it, and very carefully reduced the pressure on the pivot bearings by backing off on a tiny locking nut and backing a bearing screw out about 1/8 of a turn. After that it seemed to work perfectly.

I then did the same thing to about 10 more sticky meters and apparently fixed them all. Maybe these things somehow tighten up with age.

Stan W7NI@teleport.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996  
From: THE SHECKONATOR <BSHECK@NIMUE.HOOD.EDU>  
Subject: Heros ala Major Armstrong  
Message-ID: <01HZYY04W9SI002V82@NIMUE.HOOD.EDU>

America's heros

After 23 years in the world's second largest nuclear navy, I can tell you all that I have personally met quite a few heros- and potential heros. [is it heroes? my spell checker makes no distinction- WP51] most have been ordinary (in the sense that they are everyday persons). The few I \_did\_ meet that were 'above the cut' of your ordinary individual, were some of the most abrasive personalities I have ever met. And the more gifted, the more abrasive.

In general, the more "gifted" they were, the more personally revolting these persons impacted on the "normal" folk around them. They were the butt of personal jokes, reviled amongst their peers, and generally not desired company.

However, they may have made valuable contributions to society as a whole, they were individually relegated to the ranks of undesirable social company!

Geez, I always thought these persons were under-estimated. I kinda liked their ideas, even tho my peers would as soon never had them around!

'course, I'm still a young dude (DOB: 07Feb46), so I may still have a lot to

learn (I hope!).

Hey Jack- send me your address, I'll gladly send you a check! Thanks to the dedication of the list server, I've had about a year's worth of lurking into a very special kind of list. You folks really enrich my technical life. A techie from birth (I guess that's how it works) but not having the perception to acquire code, I feel I was cheated! Well, I guess that's my handicap. That, and I can't seem to break an 11 minute mile.

Special thanks to Roberta and those other broadcast folks. Probably where I would have been had I not gone Navy. Now I'm doing PC & Network maintenance (not an altogether bad thing, I might add) here at the college. Hey, BTW, if any of you are looking for a job, try getting hired by a college/university - I never knew it before, but many of these institutions have \*free\* tuition for you &/or family members! TIA for the bandwidth...

Bob Sheck <Happily living in Germantown, MD. with my 2 Great Danes, My wife Nancy & I homebrew In the original sense of the word!> Sure, I'm happy- my 2 kids are grown & out!

--> Nuclear Families \_DO\_ Glow in the Dark! BSHECK, ME-SHECK, abendigo!  
BSHECK@NIMUE.HOOD.EDU >>>-----==The Sheckinator==-----<<< (301) 696-3928  
I'd rather have a bottle in front of me than a frontal lobotomy.- Groucho Marx

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996  
From: Henry van Cleef <vancleef@bga.com>  
Subject: Re: History of Radio...  
Message-ID: <199601140154.TAA17196@jake.bga.com>

Well, I am going to put on my "Historian of Technology" hat here and make some comments.

Lessing's biography of Edwin Armstrong is good as far as it goes. But I feel that at times it builds up Armstrong to a little bigger than the man was, in reality.

Tom Lewis's "Empire of the Air" is "pop history." He is far too quick to paint people "good guys" and "bad guys," and I think that his painting of Sarnoff as a bete noire goes a little too far.

I would strongly recommend Tom Hughes's "American Genesis" (Viking Penguin, 1989) as a valuable source for getting a little more accurate picture of things. Hughes does not try to oversimplify things into "good guys" and "bad guys," and brings in some significant people, particularly Reginald Fessenden, whom Lewis ignored. I would also recommend reading the articles on Wireless Telegraphy and Radio in the



11th Britannica (1911), which were written by J.J. Thompson and Alexander Fleming.

Some of the \*\*\*real\*\*\* history of radio is till not very well documented. For one thing, Charles P. Steinmetz's presentations of Maxwell's work in a form in which it could be readily understood by the average engineer with a limited background in math and physics tends to get ignored. Also, while Michael Pupin gets lip service, his work in converting theory to practice, and his "mentorship" of Armstrong, tends to get left out.

Tom Hughes did a very thorough job in researching what he presents in "American Genesis," and reading a few of the titles he references in his notes will fill in some of the blanks.

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Hank van Cleef vancleef@bga.com vancleef@tmn.com  
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996  
From: "Dick Dillman" <ddillman@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: Johns Radio Contact Info  
Message-ID: <48658.ddillman@igc.apc.org>

On Sat, 13 Jan 1996 23:16:04 -0500,  
Mike Rowlands <rowlands@magma.com> wrote:

>Really enjoyed the full story of how you found your RA-17L and glad  
>to hear that the power & antenna connectors have finally showed up.  
>I continue to look for one myself in a rather unfocused way -- but  
>I'll have one one day. Can you let me have Johns Radio's address &  
>phone number please? I'll drop in and see them next time I'm in the  
>UK - sound well worth a detour!

Yes, Mike. It would be worth a special trip, as they say. Here's the Info:

Johns Radio, J.H. Townend, Prop.  
Whitehall Works  
84 Whitehall Road East  
Birkenshaw  
Bradford BD11 2ER

Phone (0274) 684007  
Fax (0274) 651160

Ask for Pat if you call. Let me know if you make the trip.

Dick Dillman  
WPE2VT N6VS ex-WA2BJK  
<ddillman@igc.apc.org>  
Collector of Heavy Metal:  
Harleys, Willys and Radios Over 100lbs.

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996  
From: Lrware@aol.com  
Subject: National NC-120  
Message-ID: <960113194645\_40887545@emout04.mail.aol.com>

Hi folks, one quick request...  
If you own or know somebody who does own a National NC-120  
WWII vintage receiver, please contact me at lrware@aol.com  
-Larry

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996  
From: Charles Kadesch <103202.3412@compuserve.com>  
Subject: National Receiver  
Message-ID: <960114171240\_103202.3412\_IHF48-1@CompuServe.COM>

Can anyone help me identify an older National receiver?  
It is definitely a boat anchor in size and weight.  
-Bandswitched 0.3 to 16 "megacycles" in 5 bands  
-Xtal filter, BFO, limiter, tone, avc/mvc  
-10 tubes  
-lighted concentric dial with bandspread scale  
-lighted "NC" S meter  
-approx 17W X 10.5H X 16D (") black cabinet  
-painted chassis (grey)

Chas  
103202.3412@compuserve.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996  
From: Lrware@aol.com  
Subject: National tuning and "frame off" restoring question  
Message-ID: <960113205155\_115721186@mail06.mail.aol.com>

OK Guys, I need some advice re my National RCP communications receiver.

Most of the wiring in this thing has become brittle with age, and I've only seen one dirtier radio in my life. (That one held open a chicken coop door :-)  
It needs to be stripped done to a bare frame and completely rewired, re-capped, re-everything. Frame itself has surface rust but is usable. So making notes as I go, tear down begins...

The large multi-stage tuning cap is held in place with screws, and I've removed the large "coil cage" and sliding bar from the bottom already. so far so good.  
The "contact pins" for the coil cage are held in place with screws from above, Thats under the tuning cap someplace... Removal of the cap screws reveals, the tuning caps are soldered to the coil cage pins from above. OK with a lot of effort and a very small set of dikes I can cut it out for clean up in a tank and rewiring. Done that. Now looking at the top of the "coil cage" contacts. Oh boy, the screws are there all right and so is the ratty wiring, but the steel rail they sit on is spot welded to the frame. It doesn't come off. &#\$%\*!!!  
How the heck did they build this thing anyway? You can't remove the coil contacts without pulling the cap off, and you can't reconnect them afterward because the contacts are under the cap, with the screws!  
(Those of you who know what I'm talking about are falling over laughing at this point I know, but bear with me a moment longer :-)

Either this thing was built using a Top-Secret USGOV form of magic, -or- I'm missing something stupid simple. I believe in magic myself, but then I also believe in little green men from mars. (The men from mars explain why I hear such wierd things on my radios, even when the power is off :-)

Would some kind soul take pity on me and explain how they got this thing together the first time? Also more important, how I can get it back together? Did they pre-position the hardware with glue? Was this some kind of "Nobody will ever have to get in there again" design?

help...

-Larry Ware  
lrware@aol.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996  
From: Terry Burge <terrybu@netman.ENS.TEK.COM>

Subject: Re: need help with 75A4

Message-ID: <9601140218.AA26595@netman.ENS.TEK.COM>

Phil,

Check the resistor values, especially the RF,IF amps and mixer sections for being within spec. Replacing the out of spec resistors in my two SX-71 Hallicrafter receivers made a tremendous difference in there sensitivity.

Terry

KI7M

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996

From: Kevin Pease <hamradio@mm1001.theporch.com>

Subject: Re: need help with 75A4

Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.91.960114072443.11441A-100000@mm1001.theporch.com>

I had a 75A3 that had too much gain. I found that there is a resistor in the buffer used in the mechanical filter assembly that went bad. If the resistor goes bad the gain can also get real low which causes a lot of insertion loss through the filters. I would do as suggested check all the resistors in the IF and RF stages especially the one associated with the mechanical filter buffer.

Kevin Pease

WB0JZG Mount Juliet, TN.

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996

From: Terry Burge <terrybu@netman.ENS.TEK.COM>

Subject: Nova researcher's email address

Message-ID: <9601140255.AA27519@netman.ENS.TEK.COM>

Does someone have the person's email address who was looking for input for the Nova 5 part technology series project? I have an acquaintance who gave me the OK to pass his name, Al Isberg, along to them as a possible contributor to their series. Al worked for RCA's NBC and evidently knew many of the earlier radio and TV people and was involved in much of the research and development himself..

Terry

KI7M

terrybu@netman.tek.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996  
From: "Richard L. Duell" <rduell@iac.net>  
Subject: Other BA Places  
Message-ID: <199601141421.JAA06565@great-miami.iac.net>

I'm sure this has been mentioned here before, but I don't remember seeing it. So, for the newer members of the list:

There is a directed net on Saturdays 10:00 am Eastern at 7275 MHz. It's called the "Old Gear, Junk, and Amplifier Builders Net." It's run by Tom - KA0HYZ in Arkansas. No recent, pure solid state is supposed to be allowed. Hybrids, transitional and older solid state, e.g., SBE-34's are ok. It's mostly for sale and wanted, but a lot of side QSO's are spawned based on the equipment mentioned.

It's not as pure as this list, but it comes the closest re vintage, diversity and technology of any of the nets I've heard.

If you've read all the posts here on a Saturday morning and there is still coffee in the pot and you aren't ready to dip into the wife's job jar yet and you still need a BA fix, you might check it out.

73, Rich

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Rich Duell - W5VDU - rduell@iac.net  
"Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you." - Satchel Paige  
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996  
From: Terry Neal <tmneal@netcom.com>  
Subject: re: paid subscription list proc  
Message-ID: <199601140417.UAA12867@netcom3.netcom.com>

Lets see, approx 1000 subscribers @ 12 bux a copy, wud generate about \$12,000.00 per year to pay for expenses. Is that enuff? maybe the rate shud be higher?

Terry aa6tn

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996  
From: bill@texan.frco.com (William Hawkins)

Subject: Re: Paid Subscription List Service  
Message-ID: <9601132324.AA10030@texan.frco.com>

Um, Jeff, how is moving to glowbugs gonna solve anything? It is also on theporch.com, and uses the same comm link. As to letting it run on automatic, that can't be done with the proliferation of mailers out there. Remember the mailer that encoded digests and sent them back to the list? Left to itself, it would still be caught in a loop, and that's all we'd see - encoded digests of error messages containing encoded digests of error messages ... Somebody \_has\_ to maintain it. Nobody but Jack knows how much work that is, but I've got an idea from other experiences, so I contribute generously (compared to \$12) because I really like this list. And don't talk to me about Usenet - we don't get most of the articles in rec because alt is so crowded with people "doing their thing" with no regard for the effect of that thing on the rest of the Usenet community. And now they want Internet phone!

Jack, is it possible to share some of the work among volunteers?

How about becoming a non-profit corporation, as a boatanchor list provider? It's not complicated, as long as nobody draws a salary. Some of the money can be used for promotional expenses, like boatanchor parties at hamfests. I have some experience with a non-profit corp.

Bill Hawkins

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996  
From: Kevin Pease <hamradio@mm1001.theporch.com>  
Subject: Re: Paid Subscription List Service  
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.91.960114073620.11441C-100000@mm1001.theporch.com>

Kevin Pease  
WB0JZG Mount Juliet, TN.

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>

Let me add to the above. There are a lot of messages in the news groups that I simply don't ever get and many of the take 1 week or more to show

up. The usenet system is currently unreliable and definately not an option.

Also the \$12,000 from 1000 members would go to some badly needed hardware and net connection upgrades. The BA lis puts a large load on theporch.com. THat is Philps personal computer system and at times it's load factor aproches 10. I don't know about you but I wouldn't want my computer here running ast that load factor all the time. I would need to buy another computer to use as my PC. Nothing is free and this certainly shouldn't be also. The maintenance of this list is not easy. Infact how many of you are running UNIX boxes for you mail service. I am running Linux and have too many times had to repair damage to the file system and had to figure out why the news sudenly stoped and other painful things that most people never see.

I contribute far more that the \$1.00 per month because of the service that I get from Philip on the internet. I also am in addition going to contribute an additional \$12.00 for this list even though I at times unsubscribe or suspend it because I don't have time to deal with all of the trafic.

Nuf said.

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996  
From: aevang@cris.com (alevangelista)  
Subject: Paid Subscription List Service  
Message-ID: <199601141559.KAA27424@franklin-fddi.cris.com>

Gang,  
Bill H. suggests:  
>How about becoming a non-profit corporation, as a boatanchor...

Great idea, The first order of business should be for the organization to acquire that Collins Big Rig in Chicago. We could also promote our passion through schools and other educational organizations (Scouts, etc.)

Some supporters of the list will also chip in more than the requested 3.3 cents per day. Perhaps a portion of these funds should be set aside for 'BA Scholarship' of some sort. I am sure that we as a group could come up with some worthwhile research topics. I envision getting students involved to do some research and report back to the group. This would help spread the gospel as well as to bring additional research results back in to our archives.

I know that these notions imply an additional dimension of administraction and control. I am aware that the cost of this

administration is currently a hot topic. ...but remember your brainstorming rules: this is just an idea...

73, Al Evangelista (KB8WYN) aevang@cris.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996  
From: "Christopher A. Bowne" <radiobwn@q.continuum.net>  
Subject: Re: Polar Boatanchors  
Message-ID: <199601132244.RAA04753@q.continuum.net>

Does anyone out there know anything about the radios used by:

- 1) The Byrd Antarctic expeditions of the late 20s and the 30s?
- 2) The team that established the South Pole base for the IGY in the late 50s?

There are some references to the radios Byrd used in his books "Little America", and "Alone", but no real details. One comment was that Collins went way over budget on some of the sets that were contracted for. Some of the radios used by the trail parties were homebrewed at Little America during the winter for use on the trail in the spring.

There are some details on the radios used by the team at the South Pole during the IGY in Paul Siple's book "90 South". Paul, who went to the Antarctic first as a Boy Scout with Byrd in 1928, was the leader of the scientific party that established the base.

The main transmitter apparently was a TBW, although Paul mistakenly refers to this as an Army transmitter. Prior to its arrival on an R4D (Navy DC-3), a "field radio" was used for all communications. Was it a GRC-9? I was surprised that a TBW would be used as late as 1958 since they were available as surplus right after WW2.

Can anybody else provide any additional info on this subject?

73,

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From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996  
From: arther.dent@prostar.com



Subject: Re:Some BA list history and perspective  
Message-ID: <199601140009.SAA02022@uro.theporch.com>

LT> We could just say "to hell with it" and stop our outflow, but we are  
LT> not likely to, and the only other alternative is to ask those who use  
LT> the list to contribute equally in the expenses of the list. Given  
LT> phone charges and ISP charges at current levels, the \$1.00 per month  
LT> from each subscriber will barely cover the outlays... do the math and  
LT> see for yourself.

LT>

LT> I do not like having to make the list a paid subscription list. It  
LT> pains me greatly, and if I could stand the outflow, I would keep it as  
LT> it is... But both Phil and I have families, lives, and obligations,  
LT> and expecting us to forego those so 750 freeloaders can sit back and  
LT> \*take\* from the list so we can keep spending our own funds to maintain  
LT> it, seems a vacuous and sadly current point of view.

ok jack here goees.....

having served on the board of many old car clubs, and having been a member  
of the Radio Club of Tacoma (the oldest continually active amateur radio  
club in the U.S) i can see your point. many car clubs and radio clubs  
charge anywhere from 20 to 40 dollars a year for dues. and most people get  
less out of their clubs than we get from this list. yes this list is a club!  
the boatanchors club! and 12 dollars a year is CHEAP compared to what we  
get from the list. i mean where else could you get a rare hammerlund  
comet-pro identified in less than 4 hours? even the public lib. couldn't  
do that.

so here goes...1.. post me your snail-mail address and i would be happy to  
send you the 12.00 dues for 1996 membership in the Boatanchors Club!  
thanx....mike hazelmyer.....KB7VNT

i transmit therefore i am.....

cc: boatanchors@theporch.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996  
From: "Roy C. Pollitt" <76161.2377@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Subscription Fee  
Message-ID: <960114000313\_76161.2377\_GHM118-1@CompuServe.COM>

I have read some of the comments about the proposed subscription fee.  
I do not want to say that I am against it, I see merits in it.  
However, we all must ask ourselves whether the benefits and enjoyment  
of the list outweigh the expenditure (some of us are on VERY tight  
budgets!).

For me, I cannot say the list is worth the fee, so I will unsubscribe. To those of you who agree, do what you have to do. To those of you who disagree, and will pay the fee, I wish you all well. Enjoy the list, and for those of you on CompuServe, visit me on the Ham Radio Forum.

73's to all of you.

Roy C. Pollitt KD4HC

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996  
From: arther.dent@prostar.com  
Subject: Re:Subscription Fee  
Message-ID: <199601140044.SAA04727@uro.theporch.com>

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hey i'm curenly unemployed, and i for one have no problem with the 12 dollars. i mean an i'll get more than 12 bucks worth of knowlage from the list in a years time than if i spent it on anything else!  
mike.....KB7VNT

i transmit therefore i am.....

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996  
From: standard@pcs.mb.ca  
Subject: SWAN NET  
Message-ID: <199601141640.KAA16084@pcs.mb.ca>

Check ot the Swan net this afternoon. Its on every Sunday at 4pm CST at 14.251 plus or minus QRM. I'll be checking in today with my SW-240, a 3 band Swan from 1963. You may hear 350's, 500's, 750's, and there one ham that sometimes checks in with his 600 twins.

Gary  
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Sun Jan 14 12:03:03 1996  
From: "Christopher A. Bowne" <radiobwn@q.continuum.net>  
Subject: Wireless Set No. 19 CW Skeds Wanted  
Message-ID: <199601132308.SAA05930@q.continuum.net>

I would be interested in trying to work other W.S. No 19s with my set, especially any "across the pond" on 40 meters. It can be done! I see several postings on BA from Great Britain, and am hoping that one of you might be capable of and interested in some Model 19 to Model 19 QSOs.

Also interested in any historical and technical info on the WS No. 19, esp. specific applications in vehicles, field installations, etc. Esp. interested in the specific timepiece that was installed in the round bezel on the left front panel.

WTB: WS No. 19 antenna variometer, shock mounts, connectors, manuals, etc.

73,

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